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In re Application of:

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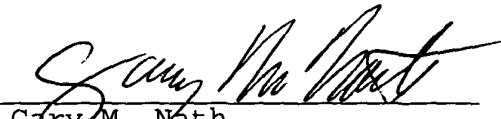
Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

Continuation Patent Application consisting of:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Filing Form For Continuation U.S. Patent Application;
- (3) 41 page Continuation Application including:
  - 21 Pages of Textual Specification,
  - 3 Pages of 15 Claims,
  - 1 Page of the Abstract,
  - 16 sheets of drawings;
- (4) Unexecuted Inventor's Declaration/Power of Attorney;
- (5) Information Disclosure Statment with 2 references;
- (6) Postcard for early notification of serial number.

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**FILING FORM**

**FOR CONTINUATION U.S. PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

1. This is a Request for filing a
- ☒ Continuation Application under:
    - ☒ 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1)
  - ☐ Divisional Application under:
    - ☐ 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1)
  - ☐ Continuation-In-Part (CIP) application
    - ☐ 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(2)

of **prior** ("parent") application:

Serial No. 09/822,505

Filed: April 2, 2001

Entitled: **BUFFER SYSTEM FOR A WAFER HANDLING SYSTEM**

of **prior** CIP application:

Serial No. 09/248,070, now patent no. 6,212, 961

Filed: February 11, 1999, issued April 10, 2001

Entitled: **BUFFER SYSTEM FOR A WAFER HANDLING SYSTEM**

2. ☒ \*Enclosed for application under 37 CFR §§ 1.53(b) are:
- ☐ 25 pages of text (specification, claims, abstract)
  - ☐ 15 claims
  - ☐ 16 sheets of drawings

3. The **present** application names the following inventor(s):

Eran DVIR

☒ Newly executed oath or declaration (original or copy)  
will be submitted at a later date pursuant to 37 CFR  
§§ 1.41, 1.53

☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.52 (b))

☐ (37 CFR § 1.53--"CIP") The above-identified application (in which no payment of the Issue Fee, abandonment of or termination of proceedings has occurred) is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application.

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☐ Enter the Amendment filed in the prior patent application on \_\_\_\_\_ prior to calculating the filing fee.

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(Col 1)			(Col 2)	SMALL ENTITY		OR	NON-SMALL ENTITY	
	NUMBER OF CLAIMS FILED		NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
TOTAL	15	minus 20	0	x9=	0		x18=	0
INDEP	4	minus 3	1	x42=	42		x84=	0
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☒ Applicant(s) is/are a "small entity". A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status:  
☐ was filed in the parent application, and small entity status is still proper and desired ;  
☒ is asserted as allowed under 37 CFR § 1.27.

☐ A check including the above-indicated filing fee is enclosed.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time (to keep the parent case pending) is enclosed, with a check including the \$\_\_\_ extension fee.
- ☐ Assignment document(s) is/are submitted herewith, with a check including the recordation fee of \$40.00 per Assignment.
- ☒ No check is enclosed. A Declaration and Power of Attorney will be submitted at a later date pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.41, 1.53, and/or a check for the "Total Filing Fee" calculated above and a surcharge under 37 CFR § 1.16(e).
- ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to\_\_\_\_\_, 8702 the Assignment being recorded on\_\_\_\_\_, on Reel\_\_\_\_\_ Frame(s)\_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ An original executed Declaration is enclosed.
- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
- This application is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application 09/822,505 which is a CIP of U.S. Patent Application 09/248,070, now U.S. Patent 6,212,961, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.--
- ☐ Benefit is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) from U.S. Provisional Patent Application(s) No.\_\_\_\_\_ filed\_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of ISRAEL application(s) 128087, filed Jan. 17, 1999, is hereby claimed. The certified priority paper(s):
- ☒ was/were filed in the parent case;
- ☐ is/are enclosed herewith;
- ☐ will be submitted at a later date.
- ☐ The power of attorney in the prior application is to\_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

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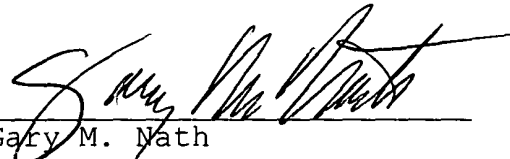
X If extensions of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the parent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned to allow copendency of the parent and the present continuing application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fee deficiency under 37 CFR § 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

       The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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